

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-25 : (Canceled)

Claim 26 : (New) A reader for electro-optically reading indicia, comprising:

- a) a housing having a body portion extending along a longitudinal direction to one end region of the housing, a light-transmissive window at said one end region, and a handle portion extending along a handle direction to an opposite end region of the housing;
- b) an actuatable scanner mounted within the housing for electro-optically scanning the indicia with light passing through the window during a reading mode;
- c) a trigger on the handle portion for manually actuating the scanner from a non-reading mode in which the indicia is not scanned, to the reading mode;
- d) a first, annular, resilient member mounted at said one end region and surrounding the window, the first member having upper, lower and side edges extending along the longitudinal direction past the window away from the body portion, the side edges extending further from the window than the upper and lower edges and constituting a pair of front contact zones spaced apart from one another;
- e) a second resilient member mounted at said opposite end region and extending away from the handle portion, said second member having a bottom edge constituting a rear contact zone which, together with the front contact zones, simultaneously support the housing

at three individual contact zones spaced apart from each other on a generally planar resting surface in the non-reading mode when the handle portion is not held by a user;

f) an eyelet extending through the second resilient member, for alternatively supporting the housing in the non-reading mode when the handle portion is not held by the user; and

g) a spacer on the first resilient member, for spacing the window at a given minimum distance from the indicia to be read in the reading mode.

Claim 27 : (New) The reader of claim 26, wherein each resilient member is constituted of a hard rubber.

Claim 28 : (New) The reader of claim 26, wherein the upper and lower edges are convexly curved.

Claim 29 : (New) The reader of claim 28, wherein the spacer is integral with the lower edge and is concavely curved.

Claim 30 : (New) The reader of claim 26, wherein the eyelet extends lengthwise of the handle portion along the handle direction through the second member.

Claim 31 : (New) The reader of claim 26, wherein the longitudinal direction of the body portion and the handle direction of the handle portion form an obtuse angle with each other.